

AMENDMENTS

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NK [Kindly amend claims 1, 6, 15, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27,
28 and 30 as follows:

CM 1. (TWICE AMENDED) A method of rinsing fabric in a washer having a wash chamber rotatable about a horizontal axis comprising the steps:

P₁ (a) loading fabric to be washed into the wash chamber of said washer;

B P₁ (b) washing said fabric in a concentrated detergent solution of at least 0.5% detergent by weight while rotating said wash chamber about [its] said horizontal axis for a first period of time;

P₁ (c) draining said concentrated detergent solution from said wash chamber subsequent to said first period of time while spinning said wash chamber at a speed to effect more than a one gravity centrifugal force on said fabric such that said fabric will not tumble within said wash chamber as it spins;

P_i (d) rinsing said fabric by [adding] spraying water directly onto said fabric and recirculating water to said wash chamber by spraying said recirculating water directly onto said fabric while spinning said wash chamber at a speed to effect less than a one gravity centrifugal force on said fabric such that said fabric will tumble within said wash chamber as it spins;

P_i (e) draining said wash chamber of said rinse water[.] while spinning said wash chamber at a speed to effect more than a one gravity centrifugal force on said fabric such that said fabric will not tumble within said wash chamber as it spins; and

P_i (f) repeating steps (d) and (e) a predetermined number of times.

6. (AMENDED) A method of rinsing fabric washed in a concentrated detergent solution in a washer having a wash chamber rotatable about a horizontal axis comprising the steps of:

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(a) rinsing said fabric by adding water by spraying
water directly onto said fabric and recirculating water by
spraying water directly onto said fabric to and within
said wash chamber while spinning said wash chamber at a
speed to effect less than a one gravity centrifugal force
on said fabric such that said fabric will tumble within
said wash chamber as it spins;

(b) draining said wash chamber of said rinse water
[.] ; and

(c) repeating steps (a) and (b) a predetermined
number of times.

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In claim 15, line 2, kindly change "14" to - - 1 - -.

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In claim 17, line 2, kindly change "16" to - - 1 - -.

In claim 18, line 2, kindly change "14" to - - 1 - -.

In claim 19, line 2, kindly change "14" to - - 1 - -.

In claim 22, line 2, kindly change "21" to - - 6 - -.

In claim 23, line 2, kindly change "21" to - - 6 - -.

In claim 25, line 2, kindly change "24" to - - 6 - -.

In claim 26, line 2, kindly change "21" to - - 6 - -.

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21. (AMENDED) The [A] method of rinsing fabric washed in a concentrated detergent solution in a washer [according to claim 21] having a wash chamber rotatable about a horizontal axis comprising the steps of:

rinsing said fabric by adding water by spraying water directly onto said fabric and recirculating water by spraying water directly onto said fabric to and within

said wash chamber while spinning said wash chamber at a speed to effect less than a one gravity centrifugal force on said fabric such that said fabric will tumble within said wash chamber as it spins; and

draining said wash chamber of said rinse water;

wherein there are at least 6 and no more than 12 of said rinsing and draining steps each of said rinsing steps being followed by one of said draining steps and further wherein each said rinsing step further comprises spraying approximately one gallon of said water directly onto the tumbling clothes.

In claim 28, line 2, kindly change "21" to - - 6 - -.

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30. (AMENDED) A method of rinsing fabric washed in a concentrated detergent solution in a washer having a wash chamber rotatable about a horizontal axis comprising the steps of:

(a) spraying water directly onto said fabric while spinning said chamber at a speed to effect a less than a one gravity centrifugal force on said fabric such that said fabric will tumble within said wash chamber as it spins;

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(b) recirculating said rinse water and spraying said recirculated rinse water onto said fabric while spinning said chamber at a speed to effect a more than a one gravity centrifugal force on said fabric such that said fabric will not tumble within said wash chamber as it spins; [and]

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(c) draining said wash chamber of said rinse water
[.] ; and

(d) repeating steps (a), (b), and (c) a predetermined number of times.

Kindly cancel claims 4, 5, 14, 16, 20, 21, 24, 29, 31, and 35 without prejudice.

Kindly add new claims 39, 40 and 41:

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12 39. [NEW] The method of claim 6 wherein said step of draining further comprises spinning said wash chamber at a speed to effect more than a one gravity centrifugal force on said fabric such that said fabric will not tumble within said wash chamber as it spins.

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40. [NEW] The method of claim ¹³ ~~21~~ wherein said step of draining further comprises spinning said wash chamber at a speed to effect more than a one gravity centrifugal force on said fabric such that said fabric will not tumble within said wash chamber as it spins.

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41. [NEW] The method of claim ¹⁵ ~~30~~ wherein said step of draining further comprises spinning said wash chamber at a speed to effect more than a one gravity centrifugal force on said fabric such that said fabric will not tumble within said wash chamber as it spins.

SUMMARY OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

An interview on the above referenced patent application was conducted at the US Patent and Trademark Office on December 10, 1992, as summarized in the Examiner Interview Summary Record, paper number 7. Participants were Examiners Theodore Morris and Saeed Chaudhry and Applicant's Attorney Steve Krefman, as well as Patent Engineer Joel Van Winkle, employed by Applicant's Attorney.